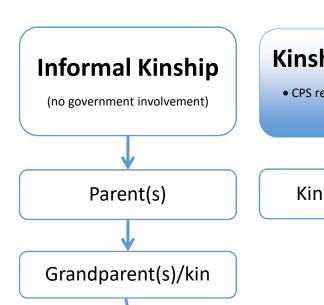
Proposed Guardianship Analysis



Kinship Diversion

- CPS referral (no petition filed)FPM meeting
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Formal Kinship

- CPS referral (no petition filed)
 - FPM meeting prior to 5 day hearing
 - Court holds 5 day hearing

Court formally places children with relatives

Issues

- No legal authority
- Parent(s) adverse to relinquishing parental rights
- Must seek legal custody
 - Cost prohibitive
 - Divisive
- No monetary support
- Lack of formal reunification plan
- No home study/criminal/CPS background check
- Safety of child
- Lack of Permanency

Relative placement

Relative foster care placement

Legal Options

Current:

- Court grants legal custody
- **Options for Court:**
 - Permanent for full guardianship

Legal options

Current:

 Seek legal custody on their own or child comes back into the system

Options:

- 1. Permanent or full guardianship
- 2. Limited guardianship

PROPOSAL IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH

- Mandated FPM policy
- 2. Seeking of relatives as placement and the import of family
- 3. Increasing permanency for children